

## Dorado Stars inspired by past and present athletes

The Dorado Stars swimmers had a unique opportunity recently to be inspired by a former Dorado swimmer and 2008 Olympian, Keith Beavers.

Beavers spoke to current athletes about his experiences and commitment to training, which kept him at the pool and eventually led him to the Olympics. The Stars gained insight from Beaver's choices, actions, setbacks and sacrifices as he moved through his swim career.

In the meantime, Stars athletes are having amazing experiences in their own competitions.

Tess Routcliffe, is heading off to Can-Ams, where she will obtain an international classification. This competition follows her time at the 2014 Para Camp in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Routcliffe was approached by the Para Canadian Team to participate in the camp in preparation for the Can-Ams. She hopes the new skills, outdoor training and explosive swim sets will increase her chances of qualifying for the Pan-Pacifcics.

Head Coach Courtney Desjardins noted that Routcliffe has "the combination of a dream and the right attitude to change the course of her life. Tess continues to inspire me and hopefully that transpires throughout our team."

Five qualifying Dorado athletes made their mark in short course championships for the season as well. Joshua Maas, Jordan McAuley and Angelique Singh had four top-15 finishes at Winter Festivals. Aran Pourawal and Ashley Riddall achieved five top-15 finishes at Age Group SC Championships. Pourawal gained a "send" time for 400-metre individual medley and finished fifth while Riddall swam personal best times in all four of her events.

The rest of the Dorado team represented the club well at the Cobra Power Meet, accomplishing 118 top-10 finishes in this across town competition.

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Swimmers Tess Routcliffe, Taylor McAuley, Alia Meyers, Kira Eggengoor, Emily Osborne are seen here with Olympian Keith Beavers (third from right).